

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,  
December 5, 1922.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, December 5, 1922, and was called to order by President Fitzhugh at 7:25 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh. Absent: None.

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The minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 1922, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of November 28, 1922, were read and approved as read.

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The following communication from the Dominguez Land Corp.

was read:

"To the City of Torrance  
Torrance, California.

Attention of the Honorable Mayor  
and Board of Trustees:

Gentlemen:

We hand you herewith our deed to the City of Torrance, dedicating Streets and Parks for public use as designated therein, in which deed the Security Trust & Savings Bank, as trustee, has also joined.

We also hand you herewith maps prepared by Mr. Leonard, a licensed surveyor.

At this time of Thanksgiving we express our thankfulness for all the help and support the good citizens of Torrance have given us, and we wish the City and its citizens continued prosperity and happiness.

Sincerely yours,  
Signed: M. R. Osburn  
President."

No cation was taken on same.

Mr. Irwin, who contemplates the acquisition of the pool hall now operated by Mr. Murray, appeared before the Board and asked that a Pool Hall license be granted him in the event of his taking over the above mentioned property. He assured the Board of his intention of running a good, clean business; of his interest in the future upbuilding of the City and thanked the Board for their suggestion as to a paying proposition in connection therewith.

Trustee Proctor moved that when or in the event, Mr. Irwin is ready, the Clerk be instructed to issue a license covering his pool hall application. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Gadeky, of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber had appointed a committee in the matter of the play grounds, composed of Messrs. Reeve, Stock and Guyon and the Mrs. J. W. Post and Mrs. Frank Sammons

Trustee Stone reported that he had heard from the American-LaFrance Co. and that the new Fire truck would be along in from 30 to 60 days.

Concerning the lettering for same, Trustee Nash moved that the lettering be made to read: "City of Torrance, Engine No. 1", in letters of medium height. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Nash reported that there apparently would be enough money to put up the new Fire house and jail.

Trustee Proctor reported that although the Mexican village was looking a great deal better since the improvements were made, still the tin cans were so thick around there that the ground was hardly visible. He reminded the Board that the City had no dump grounds at the present time, and asked what was going to be done. It was suggested that the cans be dumped down near the septic tank as the land was claimed by the City and should be used by them. Mr. Gascoigne suggested the south end of Western Avenue as a desirable location for a dump as it was low there and would not interfere with anyone.

The matter of water collecting in the low places at Cab-rillo and 218th and Carson and Cravens was voluntarily accepted for investigation by City Engineer Jessup.

As to the Park in the center of El Prado being partially cleared as a play ground for children, recommendations were asked for from the Street, Sewer & Park committee.

With reference to the request of the Consolidated Lumber Co. to use Bow Avenue for private purposes, Trustee Nash moved that said street be kept open for street purposes, and the City Clerk be instructed to so advise the Lumber Co. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The City Engineer reported the overtaking of the present pump and power plant at the Septic tank, dwelling on its inadequacy and costly upkeep in its present overworked condition. He quoted a price received from one firm of \$610.00 for a 15 h.p. motor and 16 inch pump, and was expecting prices from other firms.

Trustee Proctor moved that the City Engineer be instructed to gather all the data necessary toward the installation of more powerful equipment, and also that he be instructed to clean out the Septic tank. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustee: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Progress was reported in the farming of the Sewer farm.

The Fire house and jail plans, according to Mr. Jessup, were not yet ready.

The City Engineer also reported that the assessment registers for Arlington and Carson had not been wholly completed; that the Resolution of Intention on Arlington only called for a 40 foot strip, making no allowance for the returns at the intersections thus putting a greater portion of the expense on the Assessment portion, and recommending that the City voluntarily shoulder an equal one-half of the expense, making an additional payment of \$1444.19.

Trustee Proctor moved that on recommendation of the City Engineer, a warrant in the amount of \$1444.19 be drawn by the City Clerk, thus paying up in full on Arlington Avenue. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The streets that were broken up by the paving trucks, according to the City Engineer, will be fixed up as soon as possible as asphalt has been ordered. However, the Street Foreman is working a very small force at present. Trustee Gilbert reported Dominguez Street in bad condition for about 200 feet of its length farther on than where it had been treated with decomposed granite, and Mr. Jessup stated he also had this matter in mind.

Trustee Stone stated that Mr. Hannebrink had been in communication with the American LaFrance people and that he had ordered the lettering for the truck, to-wit: Torrance Fire Department No. 1, and that the truck would be shipped about the 22nd of this month.

The City Recorder reported fines to the amount of \$412.00 for November.

Building permits amounting to \$18120.00 were reported by the City Clerk for the month of November.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the Street Superintendent be empowered to procure lumber necessary for the building of a lean-to on the present storage house for City equipment, as a garage for the new Ford truck. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

President Fitzhugh mentioned the laxity of the enforcement of the Building Ordinance, such as commencing to build before obtaining a permit and not filing plans with the Building Inspector. This matter was again discussed pro and con and the Building Inspector assured the Board that he understood what they expected. Trustee Proctor moved that a copy of the Building Ordinance be given each applicant for a permit that is granted. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

It was suggested that the City Engineer go through this Ordinance and bring recommendations to the Board.

Trustee Gilbert stated that the Fire plug question was still hanging fire and Trustee Stone stated that Mr. Shelhart would make a report and present it to the Board and to the Dominguez Land Co.

Trustee Nash reported that the lots bought by the City were all paid for and that deeds for same had been received.

Trustee Stone explained to the Board that the Edison Co. had a department that would make a survey of the City Lighting system free of charge and present recommendations along these lines. The committee on Lights would take it up with the Edison Co. it was understood.

Trustee Stone moved that the City Clerk be instructed to purchase a Sanborn map of the City. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:  
 AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The City Clerk read:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 41

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PLUMBING, SEWER,  
 GAS CONNECTIONS AND CESS POOLS IN THE  
 CITY OF TORRANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE  
 APPOINTMENT OF A PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Trustee Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 41 be adopted as read for its final reading. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 42

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE WEIGHTS OF  
 LOADS CARRIED ON MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATING  
 ON PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 42 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Nash moved that the Clerk be instructed to have 250 copies of the Plumbing Ordinance printed. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Gilbert moved that \$25.00 be donated toward the municipal Christmas tree. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Gilbert moved that all bills, properly audited be paid. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Nash moved that the Torrance Holding Co. be allowed the use of the Council Chambers Friday night December 8th. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Stone moved that the Torrance Auditorium Co. be allowed the use of the Council Chambers Thursday night December 7th. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

At 10:20 P.M. on motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned until 7:00 P.M. Tuesday December 12th, 1922.

Albert H. Bantlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

James M. Fitzhugh  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.